

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 22 May 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 23 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 22 May 2021 at 03:36 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for largely fine but cold day Saturday and a fine start Sunday. Lower for details regarding rain band approaching from southwest Sunday and perhaps becoming slow moving over the east of the area Monday, but higher again for becoming more settled towards midweek.

Headline for Saturday 22 May 2021: Sunny spells and wintry showers. Cold but winds easing

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 22 May 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
20%	30%	40%	30%	20%	10%

Forecast for Saturday 22 May 2021

Weather: A bright day with some sunny spells and scattered showers, falling as snow above about 800m. The showers tending to die out later in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Around 40% at first rising to 80% by late morning and close to 100% by late afternoon.

Visibility: Occasional or periods of cloud above about 600m becoming occasional above 750m through the morning and then lifting above the summits later. Away from cloud visibility very good or excellent falling to just a few kilometres in snow showers.

Forecast for Saturday 22 May 2021

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	18/22 N	16/21 N	15/20 NW	13/18 NW	12/17 NW	7/9 W	7/9 S
900	17/20 N	15/21 N	15/21 NW	13/18 NW	12/17 NW	6/9 W	6/8 S
600	12/15 N	13/18 N	12/18 NW	11/16 NW	10/15 NW	4/6 W	5/7 S
300	5/17 N	7/18 N	8/18 NW	7/17 NW	6/14 NW	2/6 W	1/6 SE
Glen	8/16 N	10/18 N	8/13 NW	9/14 NW	8/13 NW	3/5 W	3/6 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-10	-2/-8	-1/-6	0/-5	-0/-5	-1/-5	-2/-6
900	-2/-8	-1/-7	0/-5	1/-4	1/-4	-1/-4	-1/-5
600	1/-4	2/-3	3/-1	4/-0	3/-0	2/-0	1/-1
300	3/1	5/3	7/4	7/5	6/4	5/4	3/2
Glen	6/3	8/5	9/7	10/8	9/7	7/6	5/4
Freezing Level*	600m	700m	700m	700m	700m	600m	600m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Valley temperatures near plus 1 or 2 Celsius at dawn. Unseasonably cold at height.

Forecast for Sunday 23 May 2021

Weather: Dry with clear spells through the early hours. Then a dry, bright morning but cloud increasing with rain spreading northeast through the afternoon, the rain heavy at times and preceded for a time, above about 900m, by snow.

Maximum wind: Southerly or southwesterly around 10-15mph backing southeasterly 20-25mph, gusts around 40mph over higher ridges and summits, for the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Close to 100% through the morning falling to around 25% by late afternoon.

Visibility: Little if any cloud below summits through the morning, gradually becoming periods above about 600m through the afternoon, especially across eastern hills. Away from cloud, very good or excellent falling to just a few kilometres in heavier rain and perhaps a kilometre or less in any snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around zero Celsius at dawn rising to plus 11 Celsius by day
At 800m: Around plus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: 700m rising above summits later